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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/056,116	FINK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sanza L McClendon	1711	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/24/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 10-21.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

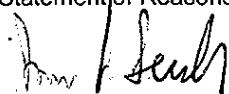
7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. _____ | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the Amendment received on September 24, 2003, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 8-9 and the addition of claims 17-21.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed September 24, 2003, with respect to claims 1-16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 5-7, 10, 12, 16 as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(b), or in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over GB 1,078,942 (GB-1) has been withdrawn. The rejection of claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-13 and 16 as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Seymour et al (GB 1 208 631) has been withdrawn. The rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10 and 14-16 as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Lee (4,469,774) has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-7 and 10-21 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance is the solvent content less than 5 parts by weight of the sum of the polymer mixture comprising poly (meth) acrylate (A) and polyvinyl alkyl ether (B), wherein the solvent comprises water or an organic solvent. The prior art fails to teach a polymer mixture of a poly (meth) acrylate having at least 40 wt% of C1 to C18 alkyl (meth) acrylates and a homopolymer or copolymer of vinyl

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alkyl ether that consist of at least 70 wt% of the structural units found in claim 1 or process' of or methods of bonding substrates with said composition, such as self-adherent articles. Additionally, the prior art fails to teach polymerizing the poly (meth) acrylate polymer by solvent polymerization and mixing a similar vinyl alkyl ether polymer before removal of the polymerization solvent. The closest prior art of record teach mixture of poly (meth) acrylates and polyvinyl alkyl ether having the proposed structural units, however they teach said mixtures as aqueous compositions or organic solvent based compositions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (703) 308-2462. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0657.

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Examiner

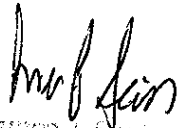
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